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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following preliminary amendments prior to examining the above-identified application.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 43-72 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

Please add the following new claims.

--73. A device for applying pressure to a body limb having a primary axis comprising:
first and second inflatable cells, each of the first and second inflatable cells including at least three intra-cell compartments;
said intra-cell compartments being confluent, each compartment being elongated along a longitudinal axis;
said first and second inflatable cells being longitudinally adjacent each other and arranged coaxially with respect to the primary axis of the limb when engaged with a limb;
said first and second inflatable cells each including inner and outer shells of durable

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